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SUBJ: DEVELOPMENTS IN "AUTONOMOUS TURKISH ADMINISTRATION" (ATA)

REF: A. NICOSIA 3546; B. NICOSIA 3712(NOTAL); C. NICOSIA 3685

1. SUMMARY: PAST FEW WEEKS HAVE SEEN CONTINUED MOVEMENT TOWARD CONSOLIDATION OF TURKISH ZONE. MOTOR VEHICLE LAW MAY FURTHER ENCUMBER EMBASSY'S ACCESS RIGHTS. END SUMMARY.

2. SINCE OCTOBER 10 (REF A), ATA HAS FORMALLY CREATED ANTIQUITIES DEPARTMENT, TURKISH CYPRIOT PETROLEUM COMPANY, TWO STATE FARMS, AND TURKISH CYPRIOT TOURISM ENTERPRISES CO. LATTER WILL OPERATE TOURIST INSTALLATIONS IN ZONE, GIVING 10 PCT. GROSS PROFITS TO TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION. (PRESS ANNOUNCES ITS INITIAL CAPITALIZATION AT TL ONE MILLION FOR MAINTENANCE, OPERATION TOURIST FACILITIES; THIS STRIKES US AS QUITE LOW, GIVEN WIDE RANGE OF TOP TOURIST FACILITIES IN ZONE.) ALSO PLANNED ARE TURKISH CYPRIOT SEA TRANSPORT COMPANY, TURKISH

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TOURING AND AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

3. GOT OFFICIAL AND HEAD OF CYPRUS COORDINATION COMMITTEE, ZIYA MUEZZINOGLU, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT AIRLINES WILL BE OPERATIONAL BY END OF YEAR. ATA REPRESENTATIVE TOLD US OCTOBER 26 THAT FOKKER AIRCRAFT WOULD BE FLYING BETWEEN TURKEY AND CYPRUS WELL BEFORE THEN.

4. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD CIRCULATION LAW, DUE TO ENTER INTO FORCE NEXT JANUARYF1, PROVIDES FOR ATA REGISTRATION ALL VEHICLES, INCLUDING CD ONES, WITH PAYMENT OF FEES TO ATA. PRIVATE AMERICANS IN ZONE REPORT THEY MAY HAVE TO PAY FULL IMPORT DUTIES (AGAIN) IN ORDER RETAIN THEIR VEHICLES.

5. ATA HAS BEGUN ISSUING ID CARDS TO RESIDENTS IN ZONE. CARDS BEAR DOUBLE RUBRIC, "REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS - AUTONOMOUS TURK ADMINISTRATION".

6. TWO NEW TURK CYPRIOT MINISTERS - ALPER ORHON (PLANNING & COORDINATION), AND KENAN ATAKOL (ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES) - SWORN IN OCTOBER 22. ATAKOL HAS ANNOUNCED THAT FOUNDATIONS HAVE BEEN LAID FOR OIL DEPOTS, ELECTRIC POWER STATION; HE HAS ALSO REVIVED OFT-DISCUSSED PROJECT OF WATER PIPELINE FROM TURKEY. (REF B).

7. LOCAL TURKISH PRESS PROMINENTLY REPORTS ENDLESS STRING OF VISITING MAINLAND EXPERTS: ADVISORS ON CULTIVATION AND MARKETING OF CITRUS CROP, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM. LATTER CATEGORY RECEIVING HEAVY EMPHASIS: MINTOURISM YASAL HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HOTEL TRAINING INSTITUTE WILL BE OPENED IN KYRENIA. TURKISH TOURISM BANK REPORTEDLY WILL MAKE LOANS TO MAINLAND TURKS FOR HOLIDAYS IN CYPRUS.

8. AS SEPARATELY REPORTED, TURKISH CYPRIOT TREK FROM SOUTH CONTINUES. EMBOFFS NOTE GROWING TURK CYPRIOT PRESENCE IN NORTHERN VILLAGES. (REF C).

9. COMMENT: WITH POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS BECALMED, TURKS PUSHING AHEAD WITH CREATION "NEW REALITIES" OF BI-ZONAL STATE. DESPITE SOME PROBABLE BUREAUCRATIC PUFFERY, TREND CONTINUES TOWARD EMERGENCE OF ENTITY WHICH WILL BE INDEPENDENT OF GREEK CYPRUS

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BUT LARGEY DEPENDENT ON TURKEY FOR FINANCING, EXPERTISE, TOURISTS, AS WELL AS PROTECTION. MOTOR VEHICLE LAW COULD SPELL FURTHER TROUBLE FOR EMBASSY'S ALREADY STRAINED ACCESS RIGHTS TO ZONE.  
END COMMENT.

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